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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION
September 22, 2005

The Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is issuing this Notice of Proposed Action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application for renewal of Water Pollution Control Discharge Permit # NEV91022 from the following applicant.

Nevada Power Company
P O Box 98910
Las Vegas NV 89151

Nevada Power Company operates Reid Gardner Station, a 650 MW coal fired power plant in Moapa Valley, 4 miles west of Glendale and 60 miles northeast of Las Vegas. Coal is brought in by rail and approximately 8300 AFY of water are used for steam generation, cooling, emission control, ash transport, and dust control. The water supply is taken from the Muddy River and from a well field near it's headwaters. Selected portions of the wastewater are used for dust control on site, with the remainder discharged to settling and evaporation ponds.

Residuals are disposed of in onsite landfills. Pond and landfill leakage has occurred due to inadequate liners. The principal contaminants are TDS and sulfate, with lower concentration of various metals and other constituents. The liners are in the process of being replaced, and site characterization in preparation for remedial action is being undertaken pursuant to requirements of the Division's Bureau of Corrective Action.

The Administrator has made a determination to propose renewal of the permit. Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determination, or request a hearing pursuant to the water pollution control provisions of the Nevada Administrative Code, should submit their comments or request in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication either in person or by mail to:

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The end of the comment period and deadline for receipt of all comments or requests in this office is 5:00 P.M. on Monday October 17, 2005. Mail postmarked with that date will also be accepted. Hearing requests must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Robert J. Saunders, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775)687-9437 ([email: rsaunder@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:rsaunder@ndep.nv.gov)). In addition, the fact sheet and proposed permit are posted at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>. The office fax number is (775) 687-4684.